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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to and including January 5, 2009, in which to file a response to the Office Action/Request for Information Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 mailed on August 5, 2008.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$1,110.00 fee, which is the process fee for a three-month extension of time, and any other required fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 to Howrey LLP Deposit Account 08-3038/11899.0236.PCUS00.

Respectfully submitted,

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